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Long May It Wave

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"Let us then stand by the constitution as it  
is, and by our country as it is, one, united,  
and entire; let it be a truth engraved on our  
hearts; let it be borne on the flag under which  
we rally in every exigency, that we have one  
country, one constitution, one destiny."—Daniel  
Webster.

SAMMIES WRITE MOST  
INTERESTING LETTERS

(Continued From Page One.)  
help defend dear Old Glory. After  
months of soldiering you feel that you  
want the real thing; so let Kaiser  
Bill come on with his Huns, they'll  
find that we are game to the finish.

With love to all, I am as ever, your  
soldier boy,  
Chas. S. Cowles,  
Chief Mechanic Battery B, 10th  
Field Artillery, A. E. F., France.

June 19, 1918.

Dear Ones at Home:  
I will try to write a few lines to-  
night and hope they may find you all  
as well as it leaves me. We are  
having beautiful weather over here  
and are sure taking advantage of it.  
I expect that if it takes this letter  
as long to reach you as it does mail  
to reach us that we will be taking a  
hand in the fracas by the time you  
get this and that's just what's making  
our feet itch. We were all in a

hurry to get started and now it is  
just the way we wanted it and if the  
old 10th Field don't give value re-  
ceived there isn't no National Army  
need try it. Well so much for the  
regulars. Our horse detail that we  
left in Douglas joined the regiment  
Sunday and I learned then that Mike  
was in Camp Merritt with some Cas-  
ualty Co. and told the boys that he  
was coming over. But we have re-  
ceived very little mail since we have  
been here so I don't know what's  
going on now except that we are  
getting in fine trim to give the Dutch-  
men hell. So far I haven't an an-  
swer from any of the letters that I  
have written since I have been over  
here. I received the Belding paper  
a few times, but expect that when  
they do get things straightened out  
that I will get my mail o. k. There  
isn't much to write about. We can't  
complain a bit. There isn't anything  
that we need and remember that it's  
always the same with me in regards  
to what I have written lately and now  
I must be drawing this to a close.  
With love and kisses, from your  
soldier boy,  
Chas.

"The ship on which I sailed has ar-  
rived safely overseas."—Earl Cowles,  
Organization June Auto Repl. Draft,  
American Expeditionary Forces.

Another letter is from Charles King  
to his mother, Mrs. Hattie Warner,  
of W. Washington St. It is as follows:  
Somewhere in France, June 16, 1918.

Dear Mother:  
Sunday afternoon and no place to  
go but I am getting used to it at  
that and Sunday is about the same as  
any other day. We are having some  
very fine weather over here. The  
sun is bright and the grass is green;  
the birds are singing and it gives a  
fellow the spring fever, but that does  
not go in the army. I am sitting out  
doors on a board writing.

I am working in the kitchen now  
and it is a fine job. Eat, why that is  
about all a fellow does and you know  
how I am at that.

All the boys from Belding are feel-  
ing fine and having a fine time. You  
had ought to see me now; there is  
some class to me now. I have my hair  
all clipped off, all the boys are getting  
theirs clipped so I thought I would  
get mine cut too and it certainly is  
fine; the best of it is you never have  
to look for a comb and that is some  
consolation in that. France is a  
beautiful country and I shall never  
forget it. The country is rolling  
and is green everywhere. All the  
houses are made of stone and are  
white. I have not seen a house that  
is made of wood outside of those  
erected by the army.

The country homes are as a rule  
one story structures with either a  
blue or red slate roof; once in awhile  
you see one thatched with straw but  
not very often; wooden shingles are  
never seen. Nearly everywhere you  
look you see gardens. The French  
are great people, great for that stuff  
and their gardens are very pretty but  
I tell you there is no place like the  
good old U. S. A.

Nearly all the cities in France I have  
been in have narrow streets paved  
with cobble stones and when the two-  
wheeled carts come along they cer-  
tainly make some noise. You very

seldom see a four wheeled wagon. The  
carts are usually drawn by two horses  
one in the thills and one in front of  
the other. They lead them instead  
of driving them. The people are old-  
fashioned, that is the country people,  
but the city people are rather up-to-  
date. The French people hang their  
clothes on bushes to dry; it sure looks  
funny after coming from a country  
where clothes lines are used.

About all the French people have  
rosy cheeks. Practically all the  
poor class of people wear wooden  
shoes. I was surprised to see how  
many bicycles are used. They are  
used by both men and women.

The railroads are a joke after com-  
ing from a country where they do  
things right. The coaches are odd;  
you get in them from the sides instead  
of the ends and I think you could get  
three of them in one of our modern  
coaches in the states. The cars are  
divided in three or four sections with  
seats running clear across them facing  
each other; you can seat eight or ten  
in two seats and then your feet get  
mixed up so you see it is a very poor  
place for any one who has corns. The  
engines are very small, nearly every  
one wants one for a watch fob. Most  
of the people drink wine and it is very  
sour stuff and we do not get along  
very good together as you know.

The French money is as odd as the  
people; you get a lot of coins, some  
large and some small and some with  
holes in the center and some paper,  
which is all Latin to you at first. A  
franc is about 20c and five of them  
make a dollar. The boys never ask  
for a quarter any more; it is always a  
franc and it sounds very funny at  
first, but we have got used to it now.

The Y. M. C. A. over here is cer-  
tainly a great thing. There are two  
papers published; one is the New York  
Herald and the other the Chicago  
Tribune, which you get every day but  
if you can send me a good Belding pa-  
per I certainly would appreciate it  
very much.

Mail day in camp is as big a day as  
pay day to us boys over here.

I would like to write a lot more but  
you know how it is, all our mail is  
censored before it leaves camp. I  
will write as often as I can but you  
know it takes a letter about three  
weeks to get across. Try and write as  
often as you did when I was in  
Texas for it makes a fellow feel fine.

Tell all the Belding people hello also  
Ed. Engemann and give him my best  
regards.

How are little Frances and Hands  
now, are they feeling any better now?  
How is Frank getting along and how  
did he like the German measles? Do  
you hear from Sadia Lewis and Lydia?  
I have not received a letter from them  
since I came over here.

Well, mother, I must close for this  
time as I am getting sleepy and also  
tired, so I believe a little shut-eye,  
that means a nap in army talk. From  
your loving son to all.

Pvt. Chas. King.  
Co. D, 126th Inf'ty., A. E. F.

June 19, 1918.

Mr. and Mrs. Hetherington.  
Dear Friends: Your good letter  
and also package arrived here in very

good time. It is needless to say they  
were greatly appreciated and were  
put into action at once. You people  
seem to have the faculty of picking  
out just what a fellow needs. The  
idea of a fishing trip up north but  
I have been active in most every big  
drive that has been pulled off since  
I entered France and have seen quite  
a lot of action. The Bosche have  
changed their minds to a great extent  
in regard to the American soldiers.  
When they run up against the Ameri-  
cans it takes the courage all out of  
them, if they ever had any. They  
don't like the pep the Americans  
and think it funny they don't retreat  
but the Americans don't know that  
word and the sooner the Huns find it  
out the sooner it will be over. I  
hew, I don't think he is in this ser-  
vice but if I ever do run across him  
I will sure make his acquaintance.  
I hope Mrs. Hetherington is better  
by this time and trust she is. Thank-  
ing you again for your remembrance,  
I remain, yours truly,  
Hugo.

Another letter which we publish is  
from Carl Werner, son of our own  
good fellow citizen, N. P. Werner.  
His letter is as follows:

July 16, 7 p. m.

Dear Father:  
I will write a letter tonight and  
tell you about our trip. We left  
Camp Custer at 11 Saturday forenoon  
and went to Detroit and the Red Cross  
gave us sandwiches, cakes, milk, can-  
dy, gum, oranges, cigars and cigar-  
ettes. I tell you that cheers up a  
bunch of men. You can tell the folks  
when they give to the Red Cross, K.  
C., and Y. M. C. A., that some soldier  
gets a great benefit from it. They  
meet a troop train in all the big cities.  
From Detroit we went through the  
tunnel to Windsor, Canada, through  
Canada to Niagara City; it was dark  
so I didn't see the falls but we went  
over the Suspension bridge and that  
is high enough for me; then we went  
through New York into Pennsylvania  
through the mountains and coal mines  
and we stopped at Sayre, Pa. That  
is a fine city. We got off the train  
about 20 minutes to exercise and we  
got to Bethlehem; our captain used  
to live there. He took us off the  
train and marched us through the city  
to see the sights. I saw some fine  
Catholic churches in those large cit-  
ies; then we went through New Jer-  
sey to Newark and Jersey City. We  
stayed on the train in the switch  
yards all night that was Sunday night.  
Monday we got on the ferry boat and  
went to Long Island City, from there  
to camp. I thought we never would  
get here. They held us on the ferry  
for about 4 hours and then about 3  
hours on the train before they brought  
us to camp. I sure was tired but I  
am all right now.

There isn't any drill field here; all  
we do is wait for our clothes and  
equipment and then we go overseas.  
It may take from six days to two  
weeks or more.

Has Ed. got home? I hope you  
folks have a good time. I tell you,  
Pa, you must take a trip through the  
east. You wouldn't miss it for \$50,  
000 and it won't cost you much; get  
someone to go with you and start out  
as soon as the weather is cooler; you  
can tell the folks that I am all right  
but don't have time to write to every-  
body and you come first. I don't  
write to Art very much because he  
can read my letters at your house.

Now, Pa, I wanted to see you and  
the boys before I went across but I  
couldn't make it, so we will have to  
forget it until I get back and I feel  
that we will come home safe. I went  
to confession before I left Camp Cus-  
ter and they let us go to communion  
before we got on the boat so I guess  
I will be all right. I hope this let-  
ter finds everybody well around home.

Well, Pa, I am tired of writing so  
I will close for tonight. Say Pa,  
when we get ready to leave we can't  
mail any letters because a spy might

get one in some way and find out  
when we are going to move and might  
be the cause of a big wreck so don't  
worry when you don't get a letter  
from me.

Your loving son,  
Carl.  
Co. D, 338th I. N. F., A. E. F.

## MURRAY LAKE

Mrs. Glenn Ford spent last Tuesday  
with Frank Bachelor and family.

Miss Helen Andrews entertained a  
party of five girls at her father's  
cottage Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Ettie Grey spent a part of  
last week at Chris. Kropf's.  
Lloyd Ford, Walter White and An-  
dy Quilan are now at Long Island  
expecting to go across soon. Harry  
Andrews of Albion formerly of  
Lowell is also with them.

John Purdy and wife and Guy Pur-  
dy called on Homer Andrews last  
Thursday.

Clare Keech is very ill with ty-  
phoid fever, it is reported.

Leonard McAndrews is quite ill at  
the home of his uncle, Mike McAn-  
drews with an abscess on the arm.

The Liberty club met with Edith  
Malcolm at Sigel Norman's last Wed-  
nesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Condon motored  
to Kalamazoo and from there to  
Ft. Wayne, Ind., where they are vis-  
iting Mrs. Condon's relatives.

## Entertained For Soldier.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rich entertain-  
ed 75 friends Wednesday evening at  
their home in Fairplains township in  
honor of Justin Smith who was home  
on a five day furlough from Camp  
Merritt, N. J., 3rd Co. C. A. C., visit-  
ing his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mason  
Smith of Long Lake. Ice cream and  
cake were served and the evening was  
spent enjoying music and visiting.  
Justin's friends presented him with a  
fine wrist watch and at a late hour  
they all departed for their homes,  
wishing him a safe return, success  
and victory.



Lloyd Burger

Candidate For  
Sheriff

on the Republican Ticket.

Your support will be appreciated  
at Primary Election Aug. 27, 1918.  
(Political Advertisement)

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modern, corner lot, shade trees,  
garage, large porches, all in  
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let, city and cistern water, cor-  
ner lot, sidewalks in; price \$1,250

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tern water; to be sold on easy  
terms at \$1,100.

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and can be bought for \$1,400.

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cellar, corner of Pleasant and  
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street, corner lot to be sold at  
\$550.00 with a small payment  
down. Balance on easy terms.

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Candidate for nomination for  
sheriff at the primaries, Aug. 27,  
1918.

Your deserved support will be ap-  
preciated.  
(Political Advertisement.)

## Financial Report

Of School District No. 3, Fr., Township of Grattan, County  
of Kent:

RECEIPTS	
Money on hand July 9, 1917:	
General fund	\$136.42
Library	2.38
Received from Primary fund	252.00
Received from Library fund	12.10
Received from District taxes	285.25
Total receipts, including money on hand	\$688.15

EXPENDITURES.	
Paid teacher	\$450.00
Paid for tuition, B. H. S.	50.00
Paid for general purposes	63.65
Total on hand	124.50

Total expenditures, including amount on hand  
July 8, 1918 \$688.15  
EARL NASH, Director.

## NOTICE

Parties holding Liberty Bonds of the first issue,  
drawing 3 1-2 per cent interest, and of the Second issue  
drawing 4 per cent, can now have them exchanged into  
the Third issue of Liberty Bonds drawing 4 1-4 per cent.  
If you wish to exchange bring them in this week or next.

## BELDING SAVINGS BANK

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## Says Things Look Good.

Dan Lind, candidate on the Repub-  
lican ticket for register of deeds was  
in the city Monday looking after his  
political fences and interests. Mr.  
Lind is from Clarksville and is a  
brother of Mrs. Will Covert of this  
city. He is also a brother of "Jim"  
Lind, for many years chief foreman  
at Factory "B". Mr. Lind says things  
are looking good for him even though  
he has a hard man to beat for an op-  
ponent.

## Farmers' Club.

Don't forget that next week Thurs-  
day night, Aug. 1, is the regular  
meeting of West Otisco Farmers' club  
at Mrs. Frank White's. Supper to  
be ice cream and cake.

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good digestion come from using Mi-  
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them.—Advertisement.

E. E. SLYE, CANDIDATE FOR  
SHERIFF.

I am a candidate for sheriff on the  
Republican ticket at the primary  
election, to be held August 27, 1918.  
If nominated and elected, I will give  
to the people of Ionia county a good,  
clean and business-like adminis-  
tration, and I solicit the support of the  
voters upon this kind of a platform.  
Yours truly,  
E. E. Slys.  
Ionia, Mich., May 27, 1918.—Adv.

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first, for essential uses, as that term may be defined from to  
time by the priorities division of the Industries Board, or,  
second, under permits in writing signed by the Director of  
Steel Supply; that I will make no sale or delivery from my  
stock to any customer before his filing with me a similar  
pledge in writing, and that I will use my utmost endeavor  
to prevent the hoarding of stocks and to insure that they be  
distributed solely for essential uses."

This pledge must be signed by owner or officer of Com-  
pany.

Signed, Belding Hardware Co.

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our customers. We hope that you will join  
with us in this PATRIOTIC duty.

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